

The Board met in a Regular Meeting at the Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Room #120, Nogales, AZ. Present: Bruce Bracker, Chairman; Manuel Ruiz, Vice-Chairman; Rudy Molera, Member; Jesus Valdez, County Manager; Robert May, Civil Bureau Chief; and Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bracker called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Ray Sayre, Former Emergency Management Director.

A moment of silence was observed for John Hays, a former county employee, in remembrance of him, who passed away a year ago on August 14, 2022.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to adopt the Agenda with Action Item G2 tabled for a future meeting and allow the Chair to deviate from the Agenda sequence as necessary; seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ray Sayre, Former Emergency Management Director spoke about an upcoming tabletop exercise scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2023, involving hazardous materials.

Lacy Beyer and Tiffany George, Santa Cruz County Fair & Rodeo Association, expressed gratitude and thanked the Board for their continued support, spoke of the achievements of the fairgrounds, and invited the Board to attend upcoming events.

Joann Vanhalter, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke against South32 and South32 history.

Dr. Lisa Redpath, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke of the South32 six-figure job promise and asked for more information.

Patricia spoke about health risks to the community due to possible rezoning.

Dr. Anita Conner, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke against South 32 and possible health risks.

Beth Pirl, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke against South32 and their track record.

Cynthia Colbert, a Rio Rico resident, spoke of tailings and the potential harm to the watershed and the health of the community.

Celinas Ruth, a Rio Rico resident, and representing Global Communications Alliance, spoke against Consent Agenda Items 7,8,9, and 10.

Kazarian Giannangelo, a Rio Rico resident, spoke of sustainability for the community.

Norma Dompier, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke against the donations from South32.

Joe Watkins, a Rio Rico resident, spoke against South32.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR MOLERA: met with Mayor Jorge Maldonado and Middle Hills residents on the possibility of a public-private partnership, was honored to attend the Teacher of the Year event along with Vice-Chairman Ruiz and congratulated and thanked the County School Superintendent, staff, and the Rotary Club.

VICE-CHAIRMAN RUIZ: congratulated both Patagonia School District for the Runner up and Santa

Cruz Valley Unified School District 35 Teacher of the Year and stated that it was a wonderful event. **CHAIRMAN BRACKER:** attended a virtual ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation) Grant Team meeting for the expansion of the East Frontage Road project; attended the Ribbon cutting for Mariposa Clinic in Tubac and thanked County Manager Valdez for attending the event with him; met over an unsuccessful grant application; took part in a retreat with Port Authority alongside with County Manager Valdez; and continued to speak with constituents about the South32 and rezoning; and spoke of the IOI (International Outfall Interceptor) manholes inspection.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, attended the Teacher of the Year event, enjoyed the event, congratulated everyone involved with the event, and participated in a Port Authority Board retreat where they spoke about regional projects.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. FINANCE: CASH & INVESTMENTS, EXPENDITURES & REVENUE REPORTS

Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Department Director, reported \$17,534,642.40 in the General Fund, of which \$14,869,113.32 is invested; \$1,647,124.60 in the Road Fund, of which \$7,299.93 is invested; \$1,028,670.68 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$276,435.72 is invested; \$3,796,701.85 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$1,048,286.81 is invested; \$58,901,880.69 total for all funds, of which \$18,099,998.87 is invested; \$13,095,871.93 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$13,713,739.84 cash at August 2022, a difference of \$(617,867.91).

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene the Jail District Board seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

JAIL DISTRICT

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT DETENTION CORPORAL POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

Supervisor Molera made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ruiz; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

The Board adjourned as the Jail District and reconvened into the Regular Session. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING AUGUST 25 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023, AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS WEEK AND AUGUST 31, 2023, AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY (REQ: CHAIRMAN BRACKER)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)
Chairman Bracker read the proclamation aloud.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH UNS ELECTRIC INC. TO ACCESS AND EVALUATE COUNTY PROPERTY FOR THE RIO RICO TO HARSHAW TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS)

Item Tabled at the Adoption of the Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz and Chairman Bracker asked Robert May, Bureau Chief of Consent Agenda items 7,8,9, and 10 if they have been legally reviewed and are correct as to form. Mr. May assured the Board of their approval and being correct as to form.

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANCIES:

A JAIL LIAISON POSITION (REQ: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE)

B SENIOR COURT CLERK POSITION (REQ: CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT)

C WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST POSITION (REQ: WIOA)

D PUBLIC HEALTH AIDE POSITION (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-13 DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE FISCAL YEARS 2021, 2022, 2023, AND 2024 EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL (REQ: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ANNUALLY REVIEW, APPROVE, AND SUBMIT THE EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT & CERTIFICATION (ESAC) FORM ON THE ESHARE PORTAL FOR BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAMS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE (REQ: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT NO. 20-AZ-DOHS-OPSG-200431-02 (OPERATION STONE GARDEN) WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (AZDHS) FOR AN EXTENSION TO AUGUST 31, 2023 TO ALLOW FULL EXPENDITURE OF GRANTED FUNDS (REQ: SHERIFF)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST AND SECOND RENEWAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH CIRCLES OF PEACE FOR THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ADULT DRUG COURT PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 (REQ: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN THE FIRST THINGS FIRST HOME VISITATION GRANT CONTRACT NO. FTF-RC020-24-0752-02 FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 FOR: (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

A ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,852

B SOUTH 32 HERMOSA PROJECT TECHNOLOCHICAS LIFT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,800

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #35 FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 FOR: (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

A SOUTH 32 HERMOSA PROJECT TECHNOLOCHICAS LIFT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,800

B ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,926

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH SONOITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #25 FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 FOR: (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

A ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,642

B SOUTH 32 HERMOSA PROJECT TECHNOLOCHICAS LIFT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,900

Supervisor Molera made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ruiz; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH PATAGONIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6 FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 FOR: (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

A SOUTH 32 HERMOSA PROJECT TECHNOLOCHICAS LIFT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,900

B ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,642

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT NO. 17M-SWECA-1215 WITH SOUTHWEST EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING ASSOCIATES INC. (SWECA) TO PROVIDE EVALUATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND SUPPORT SERVICES

FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 FOR: (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

A ESSER III INVEST IN OUR YOUTH IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF UP TO \$94,757

B C-CREO PROJECT IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF UP TO \$70,000

C SPECIAL PROJECTS CONTRACT IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF UP TO \$25,000

D DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE- STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,800

E LOS PADRES SON LOS PRIMEROS PROFESORES PROJECT IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF UP TO \$8,800

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ELECTION SYSTEM & SOFTWARE INC. (ES&S) FOR ELECTION EQUIPMENT FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM AND UP TO FOUR (4) ANNUAL RENEWALS IN THE AMENDED AMOUNT OF UP TO \$98,624.00(REQ: ELECTIONS)

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR: (REQ: CLERK)

A SANTA CRUZ HUMANE SOCIETY ON 10/07/23 IN TUMACACORI (REQ: CLERK)

B BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INC. ON 10/06/23 IN TUBAC (REQ: CLERK)

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BONDS FOR DUPLICATE WARRANTS: (REQ: CLERK)

A #4-678313 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$759.71 DATED 06/28/2023 PAYABLE TO JUDY KENNEDY

B #4-677209 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,013.90 DATED 04/05/2023 PAYABLE TO OFFICE DEPOT INC

15. TAX VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS: (REQ: ASSESSOR)

A P2018000134 - R&R EQUIPMENT LLC, RESOLUTION NO. 56655

B 101-42-100 - CARMEN MERCADO & EDGARDO NOE LOPEZ VALDEZ, RESOLUTION NO. 56677

C 101-42-100 - CARMEN MERCADO & EDGARDO NOE LOPEZ VALDEZ, RESOLUTION NO. 56678

D 106-29-046 - THE JAMES F. STRATTON REVOCABLE TRUST/JAMES F. STRATTON, TRUSTEE, RESOLUTION NO. 56679

E P955002801 - GONZALEZ QUALITY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, RESOLUTION NO. 56680

**F P955002801 - GONZALEZ QUALITY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, RESOLUTION
NO. 56681**

**16. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 08/01/2023 REGULAR MEETING & 08/01/2023
SPECIAL MEETING**

17. MONTHLY REPORTS

18. DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of \$379,590.60 of which \$200,665.01 is from the General Fund for FY2023 and a total amount of \$1,008,290.89, of which \$631,837.49 is from the General Fund for FY2024. The total for all funds is \$1,387,881.49, of which \$832,502.50 is from the General Fund. Details of these expenditures are available for inspection during working hours and are part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. (motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)